GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME FOR HEPATITIS - B
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiative to start a drive against Hepatitis-B and has decided to include Hepatitis-B vaccine under its National Immunization Programme of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps and measures taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir, the Government has started vaccines Hepatitis-B in 11 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal. It is to be given to eligible infants as per Immunixation Schedule.